

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please withdraw Claims 8-13 without prejudice.

1. (Original) A coated membrane for assessing the invasive capacity of a cell comprising:
  - a) a porous membrane;
  - b) a composition on a surface of said membrane, said composition comprising a reconstituted and aggregated extracellular matrix derived from the Englebreth-Holm-Swarm mouse tumor, a pH 7.8 to 8.2 buffer and a polyol.
2. (Original) The coated membrane of Claim 1 wherein said porous membrane is a polymer.
3. (Original) The coated membrane of Claim 1 wherein said polyol is selected from the group consisting of a sugar, glycol and polymers and copolymers thereof.
4. (Original) The coated membrane of Claim 1 wherein said buffer comprises an aminoalcohol.
5. (Original) The coated membrane of Claim 1 further comprising a salt.
6. (Original) The coated membrane of Claim 1 which has been dried.
7. (Original) A coated membrane for assessing the invasive capacity of a cell comprising:
  - a) a polyethyleneterephthalate porous membrane;
  - b) a composition on a surface of said membrane, said composition comprising a reconstituted and aggregated extracellular matrix derived from the Englebreth-Holm-Swarm mouse tumor, a pH 7.8-8.2 buffer comprising tris (hydroxymethyl) aminomethane, salt and sucrose.
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